

MINUTES OF TEACHERS BADMINTON CLUB AGM
HELD AT BOB CARTER CENTRE
ON 29 JUNE 2011

Present: Bob Tooby Chairman
 Louise Copley Secretary
 Steven Hart Treasurer
 Joe Webb
 Sally Piff
 Andy Piff
 Carol Lowe
 Sue Banks
 Jonathan Secker
 Ricky Dally
 Bev Sharman

Apologies: Robin Cooper
 Jo Gray
 Kevin Stangoe
 Nakal Patel
 Joy Brown
 Martin Turrell
 Lucy Curan
 Jonathan Copas

Open Meeting

The Meeting was opened at 7.40pm.

Approval of 2010 AGM minutes

The minutes of the previous AGM were read and approved by all present.

Matters arising from 2010 AGM

There were no matters arising from the 2010 AGM.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer provided a print out of the statement of accounts and pointed out that we made a loss this season of £169.81. Our financial position is a persistent cause for concern and was mentioned at the last AGM. With the continual increase in court and shuttles costs funds have become very tight and we must try and cut our expenditure or we will not be able to continue as a viable club with the current number of members we have.

Court Fees

The cost of the court fees is likely to rise again in September to possibly £9.00 an hour. Last season the secretary continued to try & cut costs by booking only 3 courts on a Wednesday night unless there was a home match and 4 were booked. It was suggested that we play more home matches on a club night like other clubs do and cut down on Monday night matches. Depending on the match and number of players at

club night we would use 2 courts for the match and 2 for club for the first hour then let the club have 3 courts until 9pm. This would be subject to trial and error to see how it works. This will help to increase the number of members attending club night, lets new players see who's playing in the teams and generally increases the social aspect which needs bringing back to the club. It also cuts down on court costs. It was agreed that that we would initially try to book the ladies matches first on Wednesdays then the other teams as their matches tend to be shorter.

Junior Club

Robin took on the risk of the junior club last season and paid the club for the courts he used. He is happy to continue on the same basis next season.

Shuttles

It was agreed to continue to use the Yonex Aerospace 30 for matches. We will try the Ashaway reds for club night to try and reduce shuttle costs but will revert back to Yonex if the quality is poor. Shuttle usage continues to be a large part of our expenditure, with 2010/2011 season at £1347.55.

Membership and match fees

It was agreed that we have no option but to increase our membership fees to £110.00 (senior) £80.00 (Junior). We will still need to review our financial position at the end of the autumn term and there may have to be a further increase just to cover costs. Match fees will also increase to £5.00. Guest fees will remain at £5.00. As we have to pay the school at the start of the term for the court hire and to cover the cost of the shuttles upfront the consensus was that we need membership fees to be paid in one lump sum within the first 2 weeks of the season (September). This will also avoid the Treasurer having to chase for the second installment after Christmas. If you have more than one family member at the club or you will struggle to pay in one lump sum please speak to Louise, Bob or Steve and we can arrange a more suitable timescale.

Officers Reports

Treasurer

The Treasurer had already made his report.

Secretary

The secretary had already given a report at the start of the meeting regarding the concerns/problems with the club and thanked the Treasurer and Chairman for their help and support.

The Secretary further stated that the Norwich District and Badminton League (NDBL) AGM will take place on Monday 4th July at the Oasis at 7.30pm.

Match Secretary

No report was given.

Chairman

The Chairman thanked the Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary for their efforts on behalf of the club and stated the positions of the teams at the end of the season as follows:-

Mens 1 - 4th will remain in Division 1
Mens 2 - 2nd will remain in Division 2
Mens 3 - 6th will be demoted to Division 4
Ladies 1 - 4th will remain in Division 1
Ladies 2 - 5th will be demoted to Division 3
Mixed 1 - 5th will remain in Division 1
Mixed 2 - 3rd will remain in Division 3
Mixed 3 - 4th will remain in Division 3

Election of Officers

Chairman

As there were no proposals for the post of Chairman Bob Tooby agreed to continue in the role for one more season but iterated that this would be his last.

Secretary

As there were no proposals for the post of Secretary Louise Copley agreed to continue in the role for one more season but iterated that this would be her last.

Treasurer

As there were no proposals for the post of Treasurer Steven Hart agreed to continue in the role for one more season but iterated that this would be his last.

Match Secretary

Carol Lowe agreed to continue in the role provided Robin Cooper/Sally Piff attended the fixtures meeting on her behalf to which Sally agreed.

Shuttle Monitor

Sue Banks agreed to continue in their roles as shuttle monitor.

Selection Committee

As it was the first season of having a selection committee it was felt that more planning and discussion between the selection committee members needs to take place at the start of the season. Also if club members want to be considered for a position in one of the teams then they must attend club night so that players can be compared or they will not be picked. Where 2 players are deemed to be of equal ability club commitment will be taken into account. The committee was agreed as follows:-

Robin Cooper (Team Leader)

Andy Piff

Louise Copley

Sue Banks (replaces Jonathan Copas)

Joy Brown

It was felt that this group of members gave a cross section from the club from those who attended the AGM.

Team Captains will be picked from the teams selected and will be asked if they are happy to captain a team. It was also requested that we have a team captain job description so that they know what is required of them. This will be given to the team captains at the start of the season.

Any other business

Shuttles

As we have decided to continue to use Yonex Aerospace 30 next season then they will be more expensive to buy. At the end of each game please could players put the shuttle in the middle of the court ready for the next one rather than using a new shuttle every time. We need to reduce our overall cost/usage of shuttles.

Availability for matches

Team Captains need to know at least 1 week in advance (unless unforeseen) if you are not available for matches to give them a chance to organise another player.

Match Box/Fees

It was agreed to go back to a match box system to try and control the amount of shuttles being used. We also decided we cannot afford for each captain to hold their own supply of shuttles. Sue will be in charge of both the match and club night shuttles. Team captains will need to ensure they collect the box from Sue before their next match and that they have enough shuttles.

Each team will need to provide drink/food/cups etc for home matches which will not be subsidised by the club.

Important - At the end of each match the match fees must be put in an envelope with the team name/date/amount and who the opposing team was (envelopes will be provided in the match box). If you are playing in a match then please ensure that you bring the match fee with you and not expect the captain to collect at a later date. It must then be passed onto the Treasurer/Chairman or Secretary within 2 weeks. If this is not possible then a cheque must be forwarded to the Treasurer by post. We still had outstanding match fees not paid at the AGM and this is not acceptable or fair on the Treasurer as the end of season accounts cannot be finalised.

Please can everyone ensure that all the equipment is put away properly at the end of each match/club night to avoid complaints from the high school.

Dates

The season will restart on Wednesday 7th September with the last nights before Christmas being 14th December 2011. Then from 4th January 2012 to the last club night on 4th April 2012.

Louise Copley

Secretary

Teachers Badminton Club

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